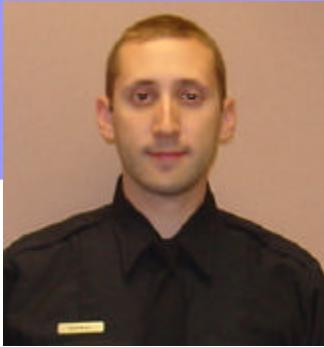


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Community Policing Week

By Recruit Bertram

Mr. Theo Darden returned to the Police Corps academy to finish instructing the recruits on the eighty hours of community oriented policing. Mr. Darden taught the recruits about many important topics for law enforcement this week such as, violence in the school, hate crimes, and terrorism. The recruits also gave a presentation on an overview of everything that was taught throughout the course.

School violence has been taken to a new level since the aftermath of school shootings, like Columbine and other similar incidents. The recruits learned how teachers in the fifties worried about students talking out of turn, cut-



ting in line, and chewing gum. Teachers now worry about drugs/ alcohol abuse, assaults, and pregnancy. Times have changed, but the safety of students in the classroom remains a concern. Mr. Darden gave the recruits some tips on how to make their schools safer and how important it is to follow up with students after incidents that require extra attention.

Hate crimes are criminal offenses that are committed against persons, property or society and are motivated by an offender's bias against another person or group because of race, religion, origin, gender, age, disability, or sexual orientation. Mr. Darden taught

the recruits what things should be considered as possible indicators for hate crimes.

Mr. Darden informed the recruits about terrorist acts that occur in the United States. September 11th was a tragic time for this country and it is important to train officers to be aware of some indicators that could lead to an attack and potential targets in their communities..

Overall, Mr. Darden taught the recruits the importance of community policing. Officers should know the resources in their community and form partnerships with the community.



Scenarios

By Recruit Kaufenberg

On Saturday, the recruit class dealt with problems in Police Corps City. The first was a crash investigation that involved two cars. The first car was making a stop at a stop sign and was going to turn right. The second car was following behind it too closely and ran into the back of the first car. The recruits had to deal with this situation and find out if it was a reportable accident.

The second situation was a noise complaint in the academy apartments. A gen-



tleman called to complain about loud music being constantly played from the apartment across the hall. The recruits responded to the residence of both the complainant and the suspect. The suspect was a belligerent male who

would not cooperate with any of the officers' directions. In the end, the recruits were able to figure out the proper way to deal with the situation.

Both of these scenarios gave the recruits a challenge in their own right. The scenarios proved that the recruits could handle different situations that they encounter. The recruits still have a lot to learn, but the improvements they have made over the last eighteen weeks are readily apparent.

Testifying In Court

By Recruit Meyer

On Monday, the recruits were instructed on how to testify in court. The purpose of the class was to prepare the recruits for what they will encounter on a weekly basis as police officers. The class mainly fo-

cused on how to prepare yourself as an officer before you testify for a case in court. One thing the recruits learned is that officers must refresh their memory of the incidents by reading over their reports. Therefore, officers must always write clear, concise, and detailed reports. Otherwise, they may not get a clear picture of the incident when the court date comes, which may be months or even years from the date of the incident.

The recruits also learned the different types of word tricks defense attorneys use to



confuse officers or discredit them, and they learned how to counteract those tricks.

Overall, the session on testifying in court was very informative, and the class will be using the skills learned in their jobs as police officers.

